

HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL STUDIES (HRGS)

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HRGS DEGREES/PROGRAMMES OFFERED

3-year BA

4-year BA

INTRODUCTION

The University of Winnipeg Global College fosters global citizenship and engagement in human rights through interdisciplinary teaching, research, dialogue, and action in local and global communities. Through its Human Rights and Global Studies Thematic Major, the Global College provides a formal structure for students seeking to obtain an education organized around perspectives on social justice, global citizenship, and human rights. A guiding premise is that 'human rights' are understood in multiple ways, and thus this major adopts an interdisciplinary approach. Within the core courses, students will explore issues of 'human rights' in the particular context of globalization. Through selecting elective courses across the three streams of study, students will be exposed to diverse perspectives on human rights from fields such as conflict resolution, gender studies, international development studies, culture and communication, English, French, politics, history, geography, philosophy, anthropology, economics, and religious studies. Students will also have opportunities for experiential learning to complement teaching and research.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN HUMAN RIGHTS & GLOBAL STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Students must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. Students can declare this Human Rights Major in their second year, and are required to consult with the coordinator of the HRGS degree program or their student advisor or Global College staff and to receive permission from the coordinator of the HRGS degree program - before declaring the Major. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for entry

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

90 credit hours

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Degree: 30 credit hours
Major: 18 credit hours

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities
Sciences: 6 credit hours in Science
Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Maximum Introductory courses: Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of six may be below the 1000 level.
Distribution: A minimum of three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects

MAJOR REQUIREMENT

Single Major: 36 credit hours
Double Major: 36 credit hours in Human Rights and Global Studies and specified number of credit hours in other Major, subject or program

Required Courses: Students must complete the following core courses (15 credit hours):

WGS-1232 (6) Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
HRGS-2101(6) Human Rights: from Local to Global
HRGS-3001(3) Capstone in Human Rights and Global Studies (with optional practicum; see Experimental Courses below.)

Students must complete 15 credit hours selected from the following list:

ANTH/IDS-3160(3) Cultural Perspectives on Global Processes
CRS-3931(3) Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
GEOG-2411(3) Geography of Globalization
POL-2100(6) Introduction to Global Politics
RHET-2135(3) Rhetorical Criticism
PHIL/POL-2200(6) Social and Political Philosophy

SOC-2101(6)	Social Inequality in the Era of Globalization
SOC-3101(6)	Globalization and Social Justice: a Sociological Approach

Electives:

Students must complete at a minimum an additional 6 credit hours, chosen from any one of the three streams noted below. Their major must also include a minimum of 6 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level in addition to HRGS-3001(3).

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN HUMAN RIGHTS & GLOBAL STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	Students must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements Students can declare this Human Rights Major in their second year, and are required to consult with the coordinator of the HRGS degree program or their student advisor or Global College staff and to receive permission from the coordinator of the HRGS degree program - before declaring the Major. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for entry.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	120 credit hours
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	
Degree:	60 credit hours
Major:	30 credit hours
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities:	12 credit hours in Humanities
Sciences:	6 credit hours in Science
Social Sciences:	12 credit hours
Writing:	Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing Maximum Introductory courses: Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of six may be below the 1000 level.
Distribution:	A minimum of three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects
MAJOR REQUIREMENT	
Single Major:	54 credit hours
Double Major:	54 credit hours in Human Rights and Global Studies and specified number of credit hours in other Major, subject or program
Cognates:	Minimum of 18 credit hours/ Maximum of 30 hours in ancillary courses. Maximum total of cognate and major courses is 84 credit hours.

Required Courses: Students must complete the following core courses (15 credit hours):

WGS-1232 (6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
HRGS-2101(6)	Human Rights: from Local to Global
HRGS- 4001(3)	Capstone in Human Rights and Global Studies (with mandatory practicum; see Experimental Courses below.)

Students must complete 15 credit hours selected from the following list:

ANTH/IDS-3160(3)	Cultural Perspectives on Global Processes
CRS-3931(3)	Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
GEOG-2411(3)	Geography of Globalization
POL-2100(6)	Introduction to Global Politics
RHET-2135(3)	Rhetorical Criticism
PHIL/POL-2200(6)	Social and Political Philosophy
SOC-2101(6)	Social Inequality in the Era of Globalization
SOC-3101(6)	Globalization and Social Justice: a Sociological Approach

Electives:

Students must complete at a minimum an additional 24 credit hours, chosen from two of the three streams noted below with a minimum of 9 credit hours coming from each of the two selected streams. Their major must also include a minimum of 15 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level in addition to the capstone HRGS- 4001(3).

STREAMS (for the 3 and 4 year HRGS BA)

STREAM 1: READING AND WRITING HUMAN RIGHTS

RHET-3138(3)	Modern Rhetorical Theory OR
RHET-3236(3)	Orality and Literacy
RHET-2137(3)	Contemporary Communication Theories OR
RHET-3139(3)	Rhetorics of Visual Representations

ENGL-2722(6)	Postcolonial Literatures OR
RHET-3151(3)	Critical Studies of Discourse
RHET-3153(3)	Studies in the Rhetorics of Gender OR
ENGL-3715(6)	Diasporic Literatures in Canada
ENGL-3717(6)	Aboriginal Literatures OR
ENGL-3901(6)	Twentieth Century Gay and Lesbian Literature
SPAN-2384(3)	Modern Peninsular Spanish Literature and Culture OR
SPAN-2385(3)	Literature and Culture of Post-Franco Spain
FREN-3580(3)/4580(3)	Le Siecle des Lumieres OR
FREN-3581(3)/4581(3)	Eighteenth Century Literature: Lumieres et Revolution
FREN-3883(3)/4883(3)	Pre-Independence Francophone African Literature OR
FREN-3884(3)/4884(3)	Francophone Black Feminist Literature

STREAM 2: SOCIETY, CULTURE, AND ECONOMY

CRS-2241(3)	Conflict and Culture
ANTH/IDS-2160(3)	Indigenous People and the Industrial State OR
CRS/IDS-2443(3)	Conflict and Development Issues in Indigenous Communities
ECON-2317(3)	Environmental Economics OR
GEOG-2417(3)	Introduction to Economic Geography
HIST/IDS-2130(6)	A History of the Developing World OR
ECON-3305(3)	Economic Development
REL-2402(3)	Fundamentalisms in Global Perspective OR
REL-2511(3)	Religion and Society: The Critique of Development
SOC-2404(3)	Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment OR
ECON-3306(3)	International Aspects of Economic Development
GEOG-3508(3)	Geographical Issues in the Developing World OR
POL-3105(6)	Global Political Economy
HIST-	One course in Modern African History (at or above the 2000 level) OR
HIST-	One course in Modern Asian History (at or above the 2000 level)
HIST-	One course in Modern Latin American History (at or above the 2000 level) OR
HIST-	One course on Labor History in Canada (at or above the 2000 level)
HIST-	One course in area of Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing (at or above the 2000 level) OR
HIST-	One course in Modern European History (at or above the 2000 level)

STREAM 3: INSTITUTIONS, LAW, AND POLITICS

PHIL-2208(3)	War and Peace
CRS-2231(3)	Nonviolent Social Change OR
REL-2404(3)	Religion and Culture: Religions in Encounter and Change
REL-2405(3)	Religion and Culture: The Multifaith Society OR
CRS- 2421(3)	Legal Systems and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
SOC-2109(3)	Social Policy and Social Welfare OR
MULT-3001(3)	Ethics of Globalization
IDS/CRS-3901(3)	Humanitarian Aid and Conflict: Do No Harm OR
POL-3135(6)	Human Security Issues
WGS-3242(3)	Women and Peacemaking OR
PHIL-3215(6)	Philosophy and Social Reality
POL-3110(3)	International Organization OR
POL-2225(3)	The Idea of Democracy
POL-3120(3)	International Law OR
POL-3300(3)	Public Policy Processes
POL-3400(3)	Aboriginal Politics in Canada OR
POL-3405(3)	Aboriginal Politics in Manitoba

Experimental Courses

Experimental Courses are new courses offered on a trial basis to gauge interest in various topics. Students who successfully complete any experimental course receive credit as indicated.

HRGS-1200(3) Global Citizenship In this course students trace the historical development of the idea of "global citizenship," interrogating the meanings, contradictions and contentions associated with this term. Through guest speakers and student research on specific issues and injustices that are present in Manitoba communities, and which also have global connections or manifestations, students examine current practices aimed at fostering global citizenship. The future of concepts of or related to global citizenship is addressed by analyzing the rights of democratic citizenship and asking how such rights should be articulated and advanced.

RESTRICTION: Students may not hold credit in this course and HRGS-1600(3)
CROSS-LISTED: International Development Studies IDS-1200

HRGS-1600(3) ADVENTURES IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

This course is designed to introduce students who are entering university to global challenges and opportunities in human rights and global studies, as well as to cultivate foundational skills for academic success. In both classroom and community settings, students will explore global issues through current news items, literature, and social analysis, with particular emphases shaped by research expertise in

Global College. The course is structured to strengthen skills in critical thinking and analysis, writing, and oral presentations within a human rights framework, as a foundation for increasing student readiness and confidence in a range of post-secondary academic programs.

HRGS-2101(6) Human Rights: Local to Global This course introduces students to human rights theory and practice in a global context, explored from a range of disciplinary perspectives. Course themes may include: legal, moral, and philosophical accounts of human rights; major international and national human rights frameworks/policies; the international human rights movement; tension between sovereignty and human rights; cultural relativism vs. universalism; retrospective justice/reconciliation; human rights methodology/reporting; the role of courts, IGOs, NGOs, and civil society; civil-political vs. economic/social/cultural rights; the intersection of human rights discourses with gender, race, ethnicity, technology, health, indigeneity, foreign policy, militarism, security, labour, and globalization.

HRGS-2310(3) Needs of Refugees and War-Affected Populations Drawing from a variety of disciplines and professions, this course examines the challenges that people encounter in rebuilding their lives after forced displacement. While considering experiences of forced migration around the world, the course focuses primarily on the experiences of war-affected populations in Canada related to social integration, employment, and public services. The course highlights specific case studies and strategies to improve services to war-affected populations.

HRGS-2650(3) Special Topics in Human Rights and Global Studies This course focuses on current issues in Human Rights and Global Studies, covering political, philosophical, economic, religious, and ethical issues. Topics may include foundations of human rights, comparative systems of social justice, refugee issues, border studies, ethics of globalization, poverty, and history of disease. The course may be repeated if topic varies. Contact the Institute for Human Rights and Global Studies, Global College for more information.

HRGS-3001(3) Capstone on Human Rights and Global Studies This capstone course examines theories and practices of human rights and contemporary global issues, and evaluates on-going cultural, economic, religious, legal, sociological, and ideological debates that continue to influence the promotion of basic human rights. The course is taught within a multidisciplinary theoretical framework. Topics such as war, child labor, genocide, economic ideologies, gender discrimination, and humanitarian work are covered from regional, national, and international perspectives. NOTE: This capstone course is intended for students in the last year of the 3-year HRGS BA program.

HRGS-3410(3) Transitional Justice This course examines transitional justice, the processes by which societies deal with the legacy of widespread human rights abuses after a period of oppression or violent conflict in order to achieve the transition to a just and stable society. The course investigates a variety of transitional justice mechanisms, such as reparations, truth commissions, reconciliation activities, and criminal tribunals.

PREREQUISITE: HRGS 2101(6) or the previous POL-2101(6)
CROSS-LISTED: Conflict Resolution Studies CRS-3410(3)

HRGS-3510(3 or 6) Practicum in HRGS In the Practicum, students integrate theory and classroom knowledge with practice through supervised field work and structured assignments and reflections. The practicum involves volunteer work related to Human Rights and Global Studies

in a relevant organization, and participation in specified seminars and/or written analyses. **Enrollment is subject to approval of a practicum proposal submitted by a student with a declared major in HRGS. Interested students are advised to consult the HRGS Coordinator well in advance of the term in which they wish to enroll.**
PREREQUISITES: HRGS-2101(6) or the previous POL-2101(6)

HRGS-3650(3) Special Topics in Human Rights and Global Studies This course focuses on current issues in Human Rights and Global Studies, covering political, philosophical, economic, religious, and ethical issues. Topics may include foundations of human rights, comparative systems of social justice, refugee issues, border studies, ethics of globalization, poverty, and history of disease. The course may be repeated if topic varies. Contact the Institute for Human Rights and Global Studies, Global College for more information.

HRGS-3311(3) Chinese and East Asian Perspectives on Human Rights This course focuses on conceptions of human rights in the Chinese and East Asian cultural context. While human rights notions are accepted and appreciated in many parts of Asia, the origins of human rights are rooted in Western intellectual discourses centering on notions of the individual and individual autonomy. Asian traditions are, as a rule, conceived on communitarian frameworks where individuality is subsumed within a framework defined by the needs of a community, however defined. The course explores the diversity of Asian views on this topic, with a focus on those emanating from Chinese culture.
CROSS-LISTED: REL/EALC 3704(3)

HRGS-4001(3) Capstone on Human Rights and Global Studies This capstone course examines theories and practices of human rights and contemporary global issues, and evaluates on-going cultural, economic, religious, legal, sociological, and ideological debates that continue to influence the promotion of basic human rights. The course is taught within a multidisciplinary theoretical framework. Topics such as war, child labor, genocide, economic ideologies, gender discrimination, and humanitarian work are covered from regional, national, and international perspectives.. NOTE: This capstone course is intended for students in the last year of the 4-year HRGS BA program.

HRGS-4350(3) Post-Conflict Truth, Memory and Reconciliation The suffering from atrocities during war-time is often seen as producing lingering individual and collective trauma, contributing to either personal dysfunction or successive cycles of violence where oppressed groups become the perpetrators in future regimes or conflicts. This course probes the role of memory in transitional societies, with particular emphasis on using memory to strengthen mechanisms for justice and human rights. Reconciliation projects, ranging from community-based initiatives to formal legislated undertakings such as truth and reconciliation commissions are examined in depth.

PREREQUISITES: HRGS-3410(3) or permission of the instructor
CROSS-LISTED: Conflict Resolution Studies CRS-4350(3)

HRGS-4650(3) Special Topics in Human Rights and Global Studies This seminar course focuses on current issues in Human Rights and Global Studies covering political, philosophical, economic, religious, and ethical issues. Topics may include foundations of human rights, comparative systems of social justice, refugee issues, border studies, ethics of globalization, poverty, and history of disease. The method of teaching may include seminars and film. The course may be repeated for credit if the topic

varies. Contact the Institute for Human Rights and Global Studies, Global College for more information.

HRGS-4671(3 or 6) Independent Study in HRGS An independent study is an individualized course of study or research for advanced students under the supervision of a

faculty member. The faculty supervisor and the student develop a program of reading or research. Typically the student is required to prepare a major paper or other research project and to take an oral examination.
PREREQUISITES: Permission of the instructor